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Bumper Skem crowd could boost Alfie fund

A LOCAL charity could be set to benefit from an expected bumper crowd at Skelmersdale United FC's Stormy Corner ground next Tuesday (April 14).

Club officials believe the visit of Evo–Stik Premier Division pacesetters, FC United of Manchester could attract a record gate of up to 2,000 – which should be good news for The Alfie Lund Fund, as well as the club.

Six–year–old Alfie (above) from Burscough is one of only a handful of children in the UK and approximately 120 in the world suffering from MECP2 duplication syndrome, a chromosome abnormality that causes him severe learning difficulties.

The fund aims to raise awareness into this devastating disorder and funds for specialist equipment for Alfie.

Meanwhile his dad has found a novel way of raising money by asking people to donate football scarves and has now got enough to go around an entire football pitch. He will be taking them along on the night and surrounding the pitch with them.

There will also be a collection on the night and it is understood that the FC United supporters have kindly agreed to help out.

FAMILY'S PLEA TO FIND PHOTOS OF TRAGIC RUBY

Frantic search to recover lost iPod containing only pictures of baby

By Danielle Thompson

MEMBERS of a distraught family have made an emotional plea to find a lost iPod containing the only photographs of a baby girl who died just 13 days after she was born.

Amelia Jane Burgess, 15, from Aughton, set up the appeal page on social networking site Facebook to find the iPod Touch in a bid to recover the only photographs of her niece Ruby, who died at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool on Wednesday, April 1.

The iPod, which has photo and video functions and apps as well as music functions, has a white front and pink back and is believed to have been lost either in the Westhaven Crescent area of Aughton or in Maghull on Thursday, April 2.

Online appeals by the family and their friends on Facebook and Twitter have been shared more than 45,000 times.

It is believed that the iPod was lost when Ruby's uncle, Jack, who was carrying it, collapsed in the Westhaven Crescent area last Thursday.

He later recovered, although he needed to go to hospital for a check–up, but it was not until the following day that the family realised that the device was missing and launched the online appeals.

Amelia told the Champion: "We really want to get the iPod back as it has the only photographs that were taken of Ruby.

"Obviously we couldn't have known what was going to happen and all of the photographs were on the iPod Touch when my brother collapsed in Westhaven Crescent.

"He was taken to Southport Hospital to be checked over but the ambulance service and the NHS Trust do not have it, we have already checked.

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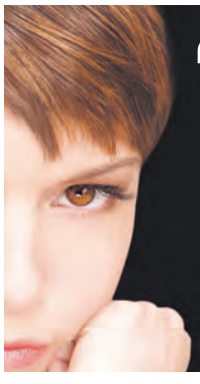
An iPod of the same type as that containing the photos of tragic Ruby.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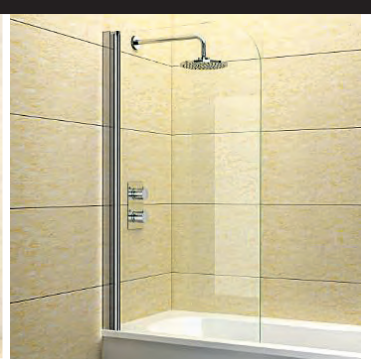

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Borough to benefit from funding for early action plan to tackle crime

WEST Lancashire is set to benefit from £2.2million of funding aimed at tackling crime across the county.

Following a successful bid by Lancashire police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw and Lancashire Constabulary, the Home Office will provide the extra funding for an innovative early action programme aimed at fighting crime and re–offending and helping vulnerable residents and those afraid of organised crime gangs.

The project will see a range of initiatives aimed at preventing vulnerable people falling into a life of crime or joining gangs and ensuring Lancashire Police have the have additional resources to pursue criminals likely to cause serious harm.

These include:

• Mental health staff deployed within the constabulary's contact centre providing vital support at key times.

• Exploring the use of GPS technology to help keep track of vulnerable people suffering from dementia who may be reported missing regularly.

Clive Grunshaw

• Key workers to reduce re–offending.

• Extra ambulance workers in each early action team to work with high–intensive users.

• Investment in case management technology to improve communications across agencies.

The bid will be supported by other agencies such as councils, health partners, North West Ambulance Services and charities across Lancashire and aims to mobilise communities into helping prevent crime and support initiatives to stop re–offending.

Clive Grunshaw said: "I am delighted that the Home Office has awarded this funding so we can further develop our approach to early action to tackle major issues right across Lancashire.

"My police and crime plan priorities included tackling crime and re–offending and protecting vulnerable people and this bid will form a key part of that delivery. The benefits of this programme centre on reducing vulnerability and crime, improving the wellbeing of our communities and improving the life chances of those involved in or at risk of engaging in organised crime."

The funding will go towards providing a strategic lead with overall responsibility for the two–year programme along with key workers to support vulnerable groups, work with gangs and engage with local communities. The project will be subject to an academic evaluation to ensure the full benefit of early action is evaluated and embedded into future working.

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Talented hairdresser's life ruined after horror smash, court told

Driver given 12–month jail sentence suspended for two years and three–month night–time curfew

By Champion Court Reporter

A PROMISING young hairdresser has had her life ruined after a drunken friend smashed her car into a tree injuring them both.

Stephanie Adcock from Burscough wept in the dock as a judge heard how she had ignored her pal Jessica Colvan's pleas to drive more carefully just before she lost control of her new Mini.

Her car, estimated by police to have been travelling between 70 and 86mph, veered across Scarisbrick New Road by the Richmond pub in Southport as she headed towards Ormskirk.

It ploughed into a tree and uprooted it, before hitting a metal utility box and ending up in a wall in the early hours of June 14 last year, said Anya Horwood, prosecuting.

The friends' evening, which they had spent drinking in Liverpool city centre and at Miss Colvan's home in Ormskirk before going to a couple of bars in Southport, ended with them both seriously injured.

Miss Colvan's last recollection is of Adcock jerking the steering wheel from side to side showing off as they drove along and her telling her to stop driving so dangerously.

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They both suffered skull fractures and Miss Colvan had bruising to her right frontal lobe, multiple rib fractures, a punctured lung and a minor spinal fracture.

Her right hand suffered a serious deep 'degloving' injury which led to her needing plastic surgery and has ended her plans for a hairdressing career following three years of studying.

Liverpool Crown Court heard a moving impact statement from the victim, then just 19 years old, telling of the 29 scars she had been left with and how her self–confidence has been destroyed and how she has been affected both emotionally and physically.

Adcock, who was found to have an alcohol reading of 96 micrograms in 100 millitres of blood – legal limit is 80 – has no recollection of the crash but pleaded guilty to driving dangerously and while over the drink–driving limit.

Imposing a 12–month jail sentence, Judge Brian Lewis said that in view of her guilty pleas, lack of previous convictions and hard–working background, he would suspend it for two years.

He also imposed night–time house arrest at her home in Rivington Drive with an electronically–monitored curfew between 9pm and 6 am for the next three months and banned her from driving for two years.

"You are very fortunate that you did not kill yourself, Jessica Colvan and some completely innocent pedestrian by this ridiculous driving when you were drunk", he said.

He added that Miss Colvan was fortunate to have survived her injuries.

The court heard that she was left completely dependent on her mother after the crash because of the extent of her injuries.

"All my family and friends agree I am a completely different person, it has destroyed me physically, emotionally and socially," she said in her impact statement.

"I hate my appearance, have no confidence or self–esteem and hate what looks back at me when I look in the mirror. I cannot be in a car with anyone other than my partner and I cry all the time."

She added that she had been highly intoxicated and could not believe her then friend put her life at risk.

Cheryl Mottram, defending, said that Adcock had pleaded guilty and was extremely remorseful. "She is a kind, loving girl leading a law–abiding life until the evening of June 14. Why she behaved in the way she did she cannot offer any real explanation."

The combination of alcohol and her injuries means she has no recollection of her actions, she added. She spent a number of weeks in hospital but fortunately has made a full recovery.

She is guilt–ridden at the pain and on–going suffering she has caused her friend and hopes that one day they can be reconciled but "she will have to live with her guilt and loss of good character", said Miss Mottram.

Defendant Stephanie Adcock

Fundraisers from St Anne's Catholic Primary School show off the Mother's Day gifts and Easter chicks that they made to raise money for charity

Primary pupils raise £2,000 for good causes

BIG–hearted schoolchildren at a primary school have raised more than £2,000 for good causes during Lent.

Annette Birmingham, deputy headteacher at St Anne's Catholic Primary in Ormskirk, revealed that pupils at the Aughton Street school raised £815 for the St Anne's Church Roof Appeal, £800 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool and £400 for the Fair Trade movement which aims to help producers in developing countries to achieve better trading conditions and to promote sustainability.

She said: "The children have been thinking of others during Lent this year. They have been fundraising for special charities through planned events during the last six weeks.

"Firstly, the children thought of those fighting for Fair Trade. They brought in £1 to wear their own clothes to school and one class provided each child with a Fair Trade snack of bananas and melted chocolate. The children raised £400 through this event.

"Next, they took part in a Mother's Day Market where each class made a product for their own market.

"Each child bought in £2 and were able to choose a present for their mum. The children were able to purchase items such as lavender bags, necklaces, cupcakes and lanterns. This event raised £815 for the St Anne's Church Roof Appeal.

"Finally, the lunchtime knitting club have been knitting woollen chicks since September to sell to raise money for Alder Hey. Each chick had a small chocolate egg inside. They made more than 600 chicks and sold each chick for £1.50."

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There will be two steam locomotives with friendly faces hauling passenger trains plus other engines and attractions on site.

Chance to get information on adult learning

INFORMATION about adult learning courses will be available at Ormskirk Library on Tuesday, April 14.

Staff from Lancashire County Council's adult learning team will be at the library from 1 to 2.30pm to offer help and advice to anyone who is thinking of taking a course.

Linda Carter, assistant principal, Lancashire Adult Learning, said: "This is a great opportunity to speak to our qualified staff about the wide range of courses available, including languages, IT, arts and crafts, exercise, family or local history, vintage crafts and wedding floristry."

For more information call 0300 123 6711 or email LAL. IAG@lancashire.gov.uk.

Merseyrail to extend police point lease at Town Green station

By Danielle Thompson

MERSEYRAIL have confirmed that they will be issuing Lancashire Police with an extension to their current lease at Town Green railway station.

Under the previous agreement, a deal brokered by prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for West Lancs, Rosie Cooper and Aughton Parish Council in 2012, the police point had a lease to be in place until March 29.

Now, following an approach by Ms Cooper, Merseyrail, will be issuing a 'Tenancy at Will' to Lancashire Police which allows them to remain in occupation.

A further sub–lease to ensure the long–term future of the police point will follow once Network Rail have issued Merseyrail with a new lease agreement for all stations and depots.

Rosie Cooper said: "The tenancy extension and the willingness for a longer term agreement to keep Aughton police point open is fantastic news. Merseyrail have been supportive in issuing this Tenancy at Will. Aughton Parish Council, Lancashire Police and local residents will be pleased that the Aughton police point will continue."

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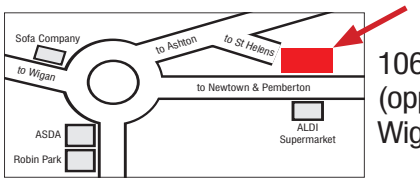

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Charity clash double tribute

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

ORMSKIRK Rugby Union Club held their annual Green and Blue fundraiser in memory of two men who had links to the club.

The club was set to stage the charity match and fundraiser in memory of police constable Neil Doyle, who was killed after allegedly being attacked in Liverpool city centre last December.

But it was also held in memory of former member Russ Brennan after the club learned that he had sadly passed away after a long battle with cancer just two days before the game.

The club's 3rd XV played a Merseyside Police team at the ground in Green Lane as a tribute to both men – and the event raised £2,000 for the Memorial Fund for Constable Neil Doyle through donations on the day and a charity raffle.

Hundreds of attendees applauded for a minute before the game to show their respect for both men.

The Green and Blue Day event – a reference to the teams' respective colours – is a way of raising the club's profile in the local community and features former players while also seeking to attract newcomers.

This year's event was dedicated to the memory of PC Doyle who had himself played in the fixture in the past.

The game was originally scheduled to be played on December 20 last year but was postponed following PC Doyle's death while on a Christmas night out in Liverpool the previous evening.

Action from this year's Green and Blue charity match at Ormskirk RUFC played in memory of Neil Doyle and Russ Brennan

Former player Russ Brennan, 52, from Ainsdale was also involved in the club for many years in management capacities and had been a member since 1986.

Ormskirk Rugby Club raised £10,000 on their Raise for Russ day in July last year for his chosen charities the Anthony Nolan Foundation and the R charity after it was revealed that he had been battling Non–Hodgkin lymphoma.

• The club is now raising money for Russ's charities. To donate to this appeal contact president Nick Jacobs at president@ormskirkrugby.com.

Walk of Witness

Ormskirk's Good Friday Walk of Witness leaves the clock tower en route to the parish church. Code1079510

WORSHIPPERS took part in the annual Walk of Witness in Ormskirk on Good Friday.

Ormskirk and District Churches Together organised the walk from the clock tower to Ormskirk Parish Church led by one of the worshippers carrying a symbolic wooden cross.

Family's plea to find photos of tragic Ruby

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"Ruby died following complications during the pregnancy and after birth. And, as you can imagine, there just wasn't time during the last fews week to get around to backing the photographs up on iCloud so it is impossible to get the photographs back from Apple.

"It's really important to us to get these photographs back and we won't stop searching until we find the iPod."

Ruby's parents, Sarah and Anthony, want to use the photographs at her funeral service so it is vital that they are safely returned as soon as possible.

• Amelia's appeal page can be found on Facebook by searching for Please Help Find Ipod Touch.

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Bailiffs a last resort for local authority

Council responds to 'scare tactics' claim over council tax debt

A SPOKESMAN for West Lancs Council says they only send in bailiffs over council tax arrears "when all other avenues have been fully exhausted."

The authority was responding to a report by The Children's Society which claimed that councils in the North West sent bailiffs to chase unpaid council tax almost a quarter of a million times last year – leaving children frightened and worried.

The report said council tax debt is widespread in the region with almost 180,000 children living in 104,000 families who have fallen behind with their bills. In West Lancashire the estmated figures were more than 2,700 and 1,500 respectively.

The Children's Society claims that local authorities are threatening struggling households with court action and sending bailiffs round to family homes, often when children are at home, often leaving youngsters frightened, sad or worried.

Based on a survey of 4,500 parents and Freedom of Information responses from local authorities, the report, The Wolf at the Door: How Council Tax Debt Collection is Harming Children, finds that more than one in 10 families in the UK have experienced council tax debt, with average arrears reaching £420. That means up to 1.6m children will have been affected.

Rob Jackson, North West area director for The Children's Society, said: "Our report reveals that far too many families are failed by their council when they fall behind with council tax.

"Bailiffs should not be sent round to families with children. Councils should give struggling residents a chance to negotiate affordable repayments and make sure every family in trouble is offered independent advice. Every child and teenager deserves to feel safe in their own home without being scared of the next knock at the door."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "The council recognises that on occasion some families may struggle to pay their council tax and can face genuine financial difficulties and the council offers a support scheme to assist people on lower incomes. However, all local authorities are legally required to collect council tax and the money raised funds the continuation of vital council services.

"The Children's Society figures are estimates and in West Lancashire only a small percentage of cases have involved the use of bailiffs over the last year.

"People do not lose the right to pay by instalments after missing one payment. Instead, we initially write to them reminding them to make good the late payment. Staff will make a number of other attempts to make reasonable arrangements for the money to be re–paid. Cases are only referred to the bailiffs when all other avenues have been fully exhausted.

"The council works with its enforcement agency to ensure that individual cases where genuine hardship and vulnerability has been identified are handled both sensitively and appropriately. Cases are handled according to best practice, and in line with the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act.

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Pupils have designs on smartening up waste land

By Danielle Thompson

PUPILS at a school in Aughton have designed eight new paths and patios as part of a £25,000 project which aims to smarten up land next to Town Green train station.

The youngsters, aged four to 11 from all year groups at Aughton St Michael's CE Primary, teamed up with community groups to come up with ideas to transform the derelict land, with funding from Merseyrail and the Arts Council.

The project, entitled A Conversational Place, involved artists Caroline Barker and Jack Doyle working with suggestions put forward by the children to design the eight shapes–and–animal–themed patios.

It has been funded with a £15,000 grant from the Arts Council and more than £10,000 in ongoing funding from Merseyrail.

Emma Stone, a senior leader at the school in Delph Park Avenue, told the Champion that the final designs were chosen after the artists held consultation sessions with each class at the school.

Local community groups were also invited to put forward ideas with suggestions coming from Pavilion Nursery, Dimples Childminders, Springfield Nursing Home and St Michael's church group.

School staff explained the plans on their website and held public consultations to ensure any concerns were addressed.

Emma Stone added: "The patio design is a compilation of all of the children's work, plus input from the other community groups.

"When the work is completed there will be paths throughout the site and at the end of these there will be eight patios. There will also be murals put up at the site and temporary art pieces for the grand opening.

"It's amazing to think that the designs have been created thanks to contributions from children as young as 18 months old and senior citizens aged 99!

"Once finished, hopefully, the site wil prove a talking point, hence the name A Conversational Place.

"We would like to thank the West Lancashire Borough Council Arts Service, based at Chapel Gallery, who helped us with our successful grant bid and are supporting us through the process.

"Merseyrail are clearing land for the project now and the children have helped to create the first part of the concrete installation. The rest of the patios are being created at Creative Impressions in Skelmersdale.

"We are very excited looking forward to the grand opening in July and the school is committed to maintaining the area in the future."

Aughton St Michael's CE School pupils and teacher Emma Stone (right) with artists Jack Doyle and Caroline Barker working on their designs which will form part of a patio area at Town Green railway station. **Code1079211**

Boat families talk

GUEST speaker Bill Huyton from the Ormskirk and District Family History Society will give an illustrated talk entitled 'Boat families on the Leeds–Liverpool Canal' at the next meeting of the Burscough Heritage Group on Monday, April 13 at the Blue Mall on Burscough Wharf.

Heritage group spokesman, Colin Wareing, said: "Bill's talk will trace the development of the canal, using examples linked to two families."

The event gets underway at 7.30pm and admission is £2, pay on the door.

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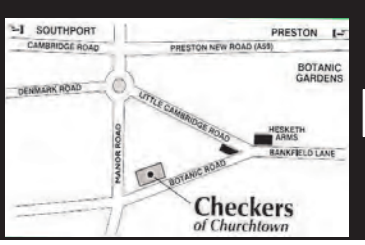

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Family tributes to couple killed in country lane crash

By Danielle Thompson

TRIBUTES have been paid to a couple killed in a horrific car crash in Hilldale last week.

The driver, 38–year–old Stephen Rigbye, of Scarisbrick and his partner, mum–of–three Agnes Parkinson, 40, from Mawdesley died in the crash on Bannister Lane in the early hours of Monday, March 30.

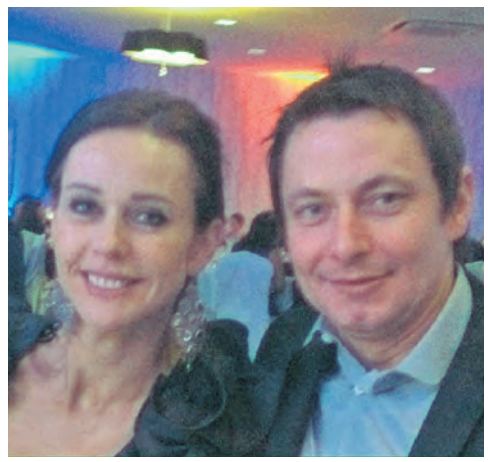
Mr Rigbye's black BMW 320 is believed to have gone out of control on a bend and collided with a stone wall sometime between midnight and 5am.

The Parkinson family have issued the following tribute: "We are devastated beyond words at the tragic and sudden loss of the beloved Agnes Parkinson. She was a devoted mother, loving daughter, loyal sister and fun–loving friend and she was taken from us all too soon.

"She lived life to the fullest and touched everyone she met. She leaves behind three beautiful daughters, twins Anna and Sarah, 18 and Scarlett, nine. We would also like to send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Stephen Rigbye.

"RIP to two amazing souls – Agnes Parkinson and Stephen Rigbye."

The Rigbye family said: "We are devastated by the loss of Stephen Rigbye, beloved father, son, brother and friend to so many. He was such a kind–hearted, generous man who never failed to make us smile with his humour and laughter. He will be sorely missed by all. The family have taken great comfort in all the kind messages and overwhelming support from everyone whose lives he touched.



Tragic crash victims Agnes Parkinson and Stephen Rigbye

"Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Agnes Parkinson who are in our thoughts and prayers."

Police are appealing for any witnesses to the collision or anyone who saw a black BMW in the gateway to the Hunter's Hill Quarry.

Sergeant Alan Baron, of the Road Policing Unit, said: "Sadly this collision has cost two people their lives and I would appeal to any witnesses or anyone who has any information to contact us."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 quoting log number 0174 of Monday, March 30.

Dog owners urged to 'come clean'

DOG owners were urged to act responsibly and clean up after their pets during a village 'Poop Patrol' initiative.

The campaign aimed to highlight the problems caused by dogs fouling in Hilldale, as well as promoting positive behaviour and sharing important information for dog owners.

Members of Hilldale Parish Council teamed up with Lancashire Constabulary officers, West Lancashire Borough Council environmental enforcement officers, local dog wardens and pupils from Richard Durning's Endowed Primary School who prepared colourful posters to be displayed around the village to draw attention to the campaign.

Volunteers spent the week handing out information leaflets on how to be a responsible dog owner on the village playing field.

Hilldale parish councillor Helen Fairhurst with one of the winning designs for their 'Poop Patrol Week'.

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The week–long campaign ended with a dog show and coffee and cake event held at the village hall.

County Councillor Cynthia Dereli, who made a Parish Champion grant towards the costs of the campaign, announced the winners of the contest for the pupils who had created the best poster designs for Poop Patrol Week.

Hilldale parish councillor Helen Fairhurst said: "We would like all of our four legged friends and their owners to feel welcome in Hilldale but we also want to keep our children's play areas and public footpaths clean and safe."

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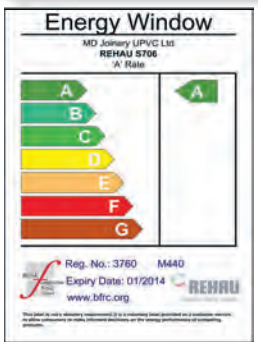

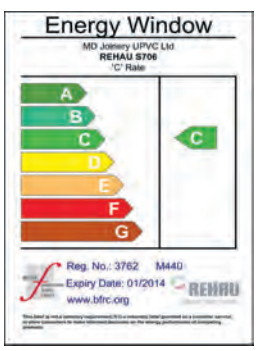

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Heritage group unveil village history board

The official unveiling of the Burscough Heritage Group history board

MEMBERS of the Burscough Heritage Group have installed a new interpretation board depicting the history of the area.

Burscough Parish Council chairman, Councillor Allan Bullen and heritage group chairman, Tom Spencer, performed the official unveiling of the board for public viewing.

Heritage group member, Colin Wareing, said: "Over the last few months the Burscough Heritage Group have been working on producing a new interpretation board depicting some of the history of Burscough.

"The group secured funding for the project from Burscough Parish Council and the board was designed by members of the project group with the help of Gordon Emery, a historian from Chester who has worked to bring similar projects to fulfilment for other groups in the Cheshire and Lancashire area.

"The board was constructed by David Carter at Woodstock signs in Longton and was installed in Smithy Walk.

"At the unveiling, Tom Spencer thanked everyone who had been involved in the enterprise with special acknowledgement to Sandra Nolan who started the project, while Councillor Bullen remarked how glad he was to see the heritage group continuing to thrive."

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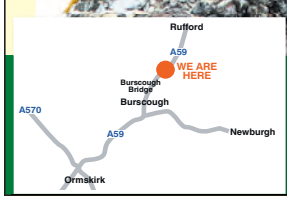

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So, what's the answer to town's illegal biking menace?

RE: Ilegal motor cycle/quad bike riders in Skelmersdale.

You may have seen footage of a young quad bike rider in Liverpool risking life and limb to himself and, more importantly, to legal road–users by riding the wrong way up a one–way street.

It's an ongoing problem in the area.

It has been reported that Liverpool police have made arrests and raided homes.

Well, if the idiot bike riders need somewhere to ride their bikes, they can come to Skelmersdale!

It's a free–for–all because they don't need tax and insurance, proper gear, can ride on or off–road and can use the wheelchair ramps for ease.

We have even seen one such rider, with a passenger, using the lollipop patrol at Trinity School to cross the two roads, Kiln Lane and Church Road.

They are full of bravado and confidence and some very young which beggars the question how and where do they obtain the petrol?

This has been reported to Skelmersdale police, even supplying photographic evidence, but they cannot give chase, even if they happen to be in the area, in case the little darlings (the bike riders not the police) fall off their machines and hurt themselves. Well, we can't have that now, can we!

So, what is the answer?

Worried Old Skelmersdale resident, by email

Why don't HMO lot pay council tax like the rest of us?

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It's not fair that landlords can get rich basically off the back of the hard–working, council tax–paying residents.

OAP, Ormskirk,
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Time to urge our politicians to act on tax loopholes

WITH food banks now in abundance, the NHS in a shambles, young people without a future and welfare attacks upon the poor and disabled, how can the present government justify another £12 billion in welfare cuts when billionaires do not pay taxes?

Of course, tax evasion is not against the law, that's because the same rich elite write these laws.

I write this letter asking readers to email their MP candidates to promise they will tackle tax dodging.

The test of whether they'll take action is if they promise to close the Mayfair tax loophole, which costs the UK up to £700m a year.

George Osborne didn't close the Mayfair loophole in the budget, so now it's up to our future politicians.

Please write to your MP and ask them to close tax loopholes.

Chris Carr,
Abbeywood, Skelmersdale

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PICTURE of the week

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Jesus (aka David Barton) and his followers in the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Passion Play staged by Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1079509.

Surely, the mayor should be properly briefed before civic visits?

ON Thursday, March 26 I was invited to attend the end of term concert by the children of Elm Tree Community Primary School in Skelmersdale, to which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of West Lancashire were also invited.

The mayoral party was expected to arrive at about 10am for the concert to start at 10.30am but they did not arrive on time.

They went to the wrong school and finally arrived at 11am after the concert had started!

My husband, who is a school governor at Elm Tree, had a conversation with the mayor over lunch and to his amazement was told by the mayor that they had no idea that the school provided education for primary aged children from the whole of West Lancashire who have behavioural and special educational needs.

I feel that the mayor's office should research, as a matter of course, where the mayor is to visit and make sure that the driver knows the correct address and that the mayor is correctly briefed for the visit.

Margaret Rowlands,
Elmers Green, Skelmersdale

A shiny clean bus stop – but no buses! Is this a wind–up?

I LIVE in Shirdley Hill and I was very upset when the No. 300 bus was re–routed last year.

So you can imagine my surprise when I saw two men cleaning the bus stop on Heathy Lane last week – when no buses use this stop any more!

This is very odd behaviour from whoever is responsible and an absolute waste of money – not to mention a bit of a wind–up as we now have a shiny, clean bus stop but still no bus!

Angry former bus user,
Shirdley Hill

Get online pronto to report potholes to county council

WITH reference to the large number of potholes on our local roads, I would urge everyone to report newly–discovered potholes to Lancashire County Council (LCC).

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Apart from the obvious road safety aspect, if you are unfortunate enough to have your car, bike or person damaged by an unreported pothole you will be unable to claim compensation from LCC. This is because councils cannot legally be held liable for a defect they are unaware of.

A. Felton, Burscough

Road repair work is long overdue

I AM writing to express my agreement with Mr Perry (Letters, March 25) about the state of roads in the area.

This followed my earlier letter about the danger of potholes and asking what had happened to the money which was promised for this work.

Mr Perry mentions Cottage Lane – yes, what a mess. You have to drive in the middle of the road to avoid the holes in the road and this repair work is long overdue.

Let's get something done!

G. Whittaker, Aughton

Moving letter was positively uplifting

I FELT I simply had to write in praise of the letter headed 'A place to live and a place to die' (Letters, March 25).

It had to be one of the most moving letters I have read on your page.

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Great losers aim to be national winners

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TWO slimmers from West Lancashire are aiming to be winners by being great losers!

Rob Constantine from Skelmersdale and Paul Childs from Ormskirk have shed a combined 22 stone between them to to win their respective Slimming World groups' Greatest Losers award.

Now the pair will go forward to the organisation's national finals next month with the chance to win £3,000.

Each of Slimming World"s 12,000 groups in the UK and Ireland have their own Greatest Loser title, awarded to member has lost the most weight who is then put forward for the national crown.

Rob, 60, lost more than 13 stone, while 40–year–old Paul, lost 9 stone 1lb and is now just three stone away from his target weight.

Now a trim 11st 13lb, Rob previously tipped the scales at the 25–stone mark and struggled to walk, had dangerously high blood pressure and suffered from sleep apnoea.

Now though he says: "I feel like a new man since losing weight – in fact, I look so different that people who I haven't seen for a while often can't believe I'm the same person!

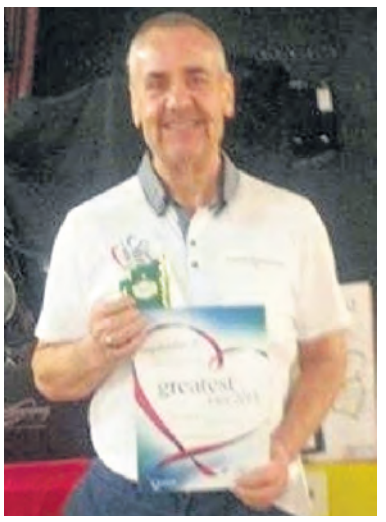
"For me though it's the change on the inside that's been the biggest – I'm happier, healthier and much more confident now."

Paul joined his local group after his wife, Kirsty joined up and lost almost five stone.

And he had another incentive. His mother offered to pay for a trip to New York for the couple if he lost enough weight to comfortably travel on a plane – which he now has and they are looking forward to visiting the Big Apple next month.

Slimming World's West Lancs team developer, Tina Whewell, said: "The changes we've seen in Paul and Rob are incredible. I hope their success will inspire other people in West Lancashire who'd like to lose weight by forming new lifestyle habits and become happier and healthier to take action."

• PICTURED: Paul (top) and Rob with their Greatest Loser awards and certificates.



Would–be MPs to face public Question Time

By **Danielle Thompson**

A VOLUNTARY association established in 2009 as a 'Voice for Ormskirk' has teamed up with a church group to offer residents the chance to challenge the five parliamentary candidates for West Lancashire in the General Election on May 7.

The Question Time event, organised by Ormskirk Community Partnership and Ormskirk and District Churches Together, will be held at Ormskirk Civic Hall in Southport Road on Tuesday, April 14, starting at 7pm.

Chris Merriman of the Churches Together group will chair the evening which will allow the public to fire questions at the candidates – Paul Greenall (Conservative), Ben Basson (Green), Rosie Cooper (Labour), Daniel Lewis (Liberal Democrat) and Jack Sen (UKIP).

The chair of Ormskirk Community Partnership, Martin Walsh, said: "We're very proud to be working with the churches to bring this event to the people of West Lancashire and give them an opportunity to grill those who wish to represent us.

"This could be one of the most closely–fought elections of a generation and it's important that we, as voters, have the chance to find out what our candidates think about what is important for us.

"Following on from another year of continued growth and success for Ormskirk Community Partnership through increased membership and the roll–out of our Gingerbread Project, we are excited to be hosting such a high profile event.

"We would like to thank the churches and the five candidates for supporting this joint event."

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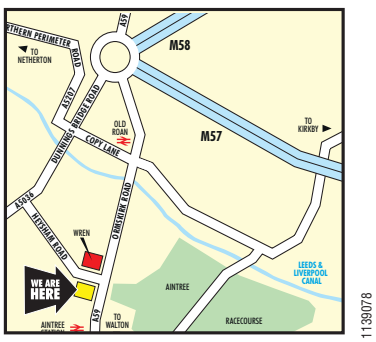

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Council issues advice on postal and proxy voting

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council is reminding residents that they can vote in the general and local elections on Thursday, May 7, even if they can't get to a polling station.

Anyone who is unable to go to a polling station on the day can apply for a postal vote, or a proxy vote where a nominated person can attend to register their vote on their behalf.

Gill Rowe, returning officer for West Lancashire, said: "You don't need to be working away or be housebound to apply for a postal or a proxy vote. Contact the council as soon as you can to apply to make sure you can vote in the elections."

Anyone who wants to vote in this year's elections, either by post, proxy or going to the polling station, must be on the Electoral Register.

Residents can check whether they're registered to vote by calling the elections office on 01695 585014. They can also complete an online registration by visiting www.gov.uk/register–to–vote or www.westlancs.gov.uk/registertovote.

For more information email elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk.

If you do not have access to the internet ask the elections office for a paper registration form.

The closing date to register to vote on May 7 is April 20.

To apply for a postal or proxy vote form call the Elections Office on 01695 585014, email electionsoffice@westlancs.gov.uk or download an application form from the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/elections.

Alternatively you can call in to West Lancs Council Offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

Completed application forms for a postal vote must reach the council by 5pm on Tuesday, April 21, and completed application forms for a proxy vote must arrive by 5pm on Tuesday, April 28.

Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of physical incapacity, where that physical incapacity occurred after 5pm on Tuesday, April 28, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF by 5 pm on Thursday, May 7 2015.

Nora celebrates her special day at the double

Hillcroft manager Margaret Sutcliffe toasts Nora Mathews on her 90th birthday

FRIENDS and relatives helped a woman from Aughton celebrate a milestone birthday with a double surprise treat.

Grandmother Nora Matthews, a resident at the Hillcroft residential care and dementia home in Long Lane, enjoyed two celebrations to mark her 90th birthday.

The mother–of–two, originally from Gaw Hill Lane in the village, was treated to a birthday meal at the Lunch Club at the Ministry Centre at Christ Church which she attends each Wednesday.

Then on her return to Hillcroft she was greeted by friends and family and a dining room covered in lilac decorations and 90–themed balloons and banners for a surprise party in her honour.

Nora's father, George was the organist at Christ Church, which she has attended all of her life, and she also attended the church school.

She married her husband, Jack, at the church. The couple had two sons, John and Chris, and three grandchildren and Nora's granddaughter, Tess is set to be become the fourth generation of the family to marry at the church when she ties the knot there in May.

Cheers! Pub raises £700 for charity at the double

Baring up well...pub manager gets the thumbs up after his body–waxing fundraiser. Kirsty starts work on Phil's Comic Relief full body wax at The Farmers Arms Code1078693

BIG–hearted pub regulars have raised more than £700 for charity with two fundraising events – but it proved a bitter–sweet experience for two members of staff.

The Farmers Arms in New Lane, Burscough held a casino–themed night – featuring games including chuck–a–luck, blackjack and roulette – which raised £301.50 for the national Guide Dogs UK charity.

And the canal–side venue also hosted a Red Nose Day event which saw manager, Phil Martin and staff member, Jake Barclay enduring sponsored full chest waxes, courtesy of Kirsty Harris of Stuart James hair and beauty salon in Ormskirk.

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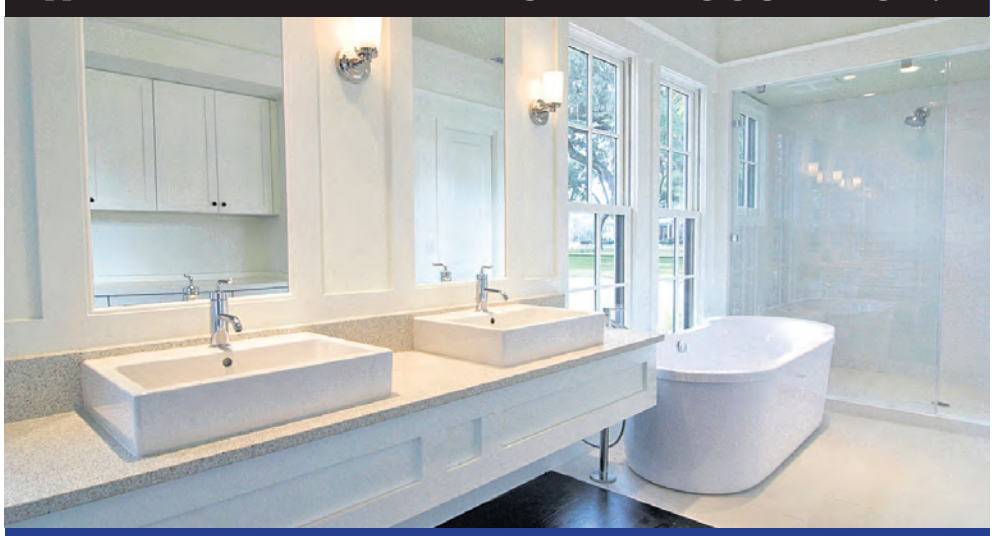

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Top authors on Edge Hill Short Story Prize long list

ORGANISERS of the Edge Hill Short Story Prize have revealed the long list for this year's award.

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The 2015 long–list includes a number of well–established, award–winning writers.

Dr Ailsa Cox, organiser of the prize and reader in English & Writing at Edge Hill, said: "This is a fascinating list with such a wide range of authors and a strongly international flavour. The short story really is a global phenomenon and its home is right here at Edge Hill."

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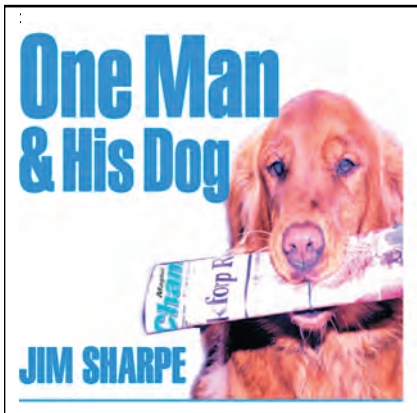

Bus changes are right on time for me

UNEXPECTED consequences.

Well, we've all experienced them and usually the term is used to mean something has gone awry despite the best intentions.

But once in a while it can turn out the other way – and the Arriva bus company has just delivered an unexpected consequence to me which just happens to suit me down to the ground.

Every week, rain or shine, I make two journeys, on Monday and Friday, from my home town of Maghull to Champion Towers in Southport to deliver my deathless prose to the editor.

In fact, it's just about my one concession to the electronic age, if you discount my TV and its associated digital recording machine, of whose vagaries I have written before.

I use a laptop – and old friend of mine, now unfortunately no longer with us was determined that the word was 'lapdog' – which actually makes a fair amount of sense when you think about it.

Now because of my non–computing skills my laptop isn't connected to any kind of computer but I can use a memory stick and simply use this piece of modernity really as a typewriter.

Anyway, back to the buses. For years now I have used Arriva's 300 service from Maghull to Southport and back.

It terminated roughly half–a–mile from the Champion office and I walked there and then back to the bus stop, usually via the shops around the station.

All very good and reasonably convenient.

Then, as 2015 dawned, Arriva in its wisdom started messing about with the 300.

Since January its route and times have now changed three times, which can be a little confusing to a bearer of small brain such as I.

But the latest (and biggest) change came a couple of weeks ago when its route into Southport was changed and its terminus, I read on a notice on the bus, became Union Street.

And that upset me – because not knowing my Southport very well and never having heard of Union Street, I assumed that this was going to mean a much longer walk for me on my visits to Champion HQ on Lord Street.

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A genuine win–win situation.

I haven't actually got to grips with the revised timetable yet, but since the printed notice on the bus mentioned 'some additional services', I reckon it should be fine and dandy.

Unexpected consequences indeed!

It's too early to tell yet, but the 300's route into Liverpool via Bootle has been changed too, which I think might well result in better timekeeping because I have been convinced for years that Arriva got its timings wrong between Bootle and Aintree, resulting in the 300 normally being late at the latter, and hence in Maghull as well.

Could be this is a genuine win–win situation, for me at least, and quite honestly I also believe the new route in Southport will benefit just about everybody else as well.

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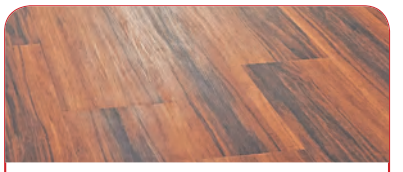

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Dr Rob Gandy launched an appeal for accounts of ghostly sightings on Halsall Moss

Champ readers rally to appeal for spooky tales of Halsall Moss

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A SEMI–retired doctor who made an appeal for help in tracing the story behind ghostly sightings on Halsall Moss has thanked Champion readers for coming forward.

Dr Rob Gandy, the former director of planning at Fazakerly Hospital appealed through the newspaper in January for any members of the public who had experienced any sightings of a ghostly hitch–hiker on the main route between Southport and Ormskirk during the last 50 years to contact him.

He believes the sightings might be linked to victims of crashes on the route. A Freedom of Information request submitted to Lancashire Constabulary about the number of accidents on New Cut Lane and Gregory Lane revealed there were 85 recorded between May 2008 (as far back as police accident records go on the current system) and February 2015. Of these, 56 resulted in injuries, while in 29 only the vehicles were damaged.

Dr Gandy was particularly intrigued to unravel the mystery of a spooky sighting of a hitch–hiker experienced by a colleague in February or March 1965.

He was driving over Halsall Moss late at night on a Friday from Southport heading in the direction of Ormskirk when a figure appeared in the back seat of his Mini.

However, when he pulled up and got out of the car, the man, who appeared to be aged in his 70s, was gone.

The spooky story was first published in the winter issue of the Fortean Times – an independent publication which explores unique phenomena including far–out theories and beliefs – in 1990.

Now Dr Gandy's updated report, made up of the six new first–hand accounts and two 'second–hand' stories from Champion readers who contacted him, will be published in the April 2015 edition of the Fortean Times.

Dr Gandy told the Champion: "Following the story in the Champion inviting readers to send their own vanishing hitch–hiker stories, I received six new first–hand reports, plus two strange tales.

"I would like to thank all of the respondents and I can vouch for their total sincerity. There are potential psychological explanations involving drivers' concentration because of hazardous conditions, but this does not apply to all of the cases.

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Red Lion Bridge
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Liverpool Rd
Wednesday 4.30pm & 6pm
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Ormskirk Rugby Club, Green Lane
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UP HOLLAND
Up Holland Methodist Church,
Alma Hill,
Wednesday 3.45, 5.30 & 7.30pm
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THURSDAY
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Aughton Village Hall
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Digmoor Community Centre
Birleywood
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Jackie: 07888 830892

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MAGHULL
St Georges Social Centre
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Sue: 07957 531346

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Rachael's Daily Menu
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Care trust chief in NHS top 50

Heather Tierney–Moore

THE chief executive of Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, Professor Heather Tierney–Moore, has been named in the Health Service Journal (HSJ)'s Top 50 NHS ceos chosen by a panel of 14 judges.

The list, compiled for the second year, highlights chief executives who have defining characteristics including a 'clear vision' for the future coupled with 'outstanding' leadership and commitment to their organisation and patient care.

She said: "It is an honour to be named on the HSJ list with my peers who do incredible work within their respective organisations.

"This is a challenging time for the NHS overall, however, at Lancashire Care we have an exemplary workforce who are passionate about providing the very best care for our service users and carers."

Church organ class students pass first 'test' with honours

MEMBERS of the first organ class at Christ Church in Aughton have performed their first concert.

Music tutor and singing coach Eunice Woof's students held the Christ Church Music Festival event at the Long Lane church.

Students Eleanor Rowlandson, Florence Coggon, Abigail Parker, Ethan Coggon and Mark Jones were all presented with Honours Certificates after their performance by adjudicator Brian Radford.

• RIGHT: Organiser Denise Bearon, students Eleanor Rowlandson, Florence Coggon, Abigail Parker, Ethan Coggon and Mark Jones holding their certificates and adjudicator Brian Radford

Youth charity appeal for helping hand

OFFICIALS of a charity that provides activities during the summer holidays for youngsters in and around Burscough are appealing for support from local businesses and organisations to boost dwindling funds.

The Grove Activity Programme (GAP), based at the Grove Youth Community and Children Centre, has hosted a wide range of activities for young people aged 8 to 13 during the summer holidays for more than 20 years.

Sue Lamb, activity scheme administrator for GAP said: "We offer a huge variety of activities, both centre–based and off–site, for the young people of Burscough and surrounding areas.

"Over the years we have had average attendances of 40 members per day which speaks for itself.

"We want all young people to benefit from experiences they may be excluded from because of financial constraints or rural or social isolation."

For the first 15 years of its existence the activity programme was fortunate in securing generous funding but over the last five years financial support has been increasingly difficult to come by and this year it's been harder than ever to secure funds.

Sue added: "We would like to appeal to local businesses, schools and churches to support the young people of the community, possibly by staging charity fundraisers on our behalf – like a pub quiz, raffle, sponsored event, treasure hunt, dance/disco, non–uniform or dress–down day or simply a donation.

"We are a small, local registered charity and appreciate every donation we receive."

For further information contact Sue Lamb or Lou Brown telephone 01704 896424 or email sue.activity@gmail.com or liz.activity@gmail.com.

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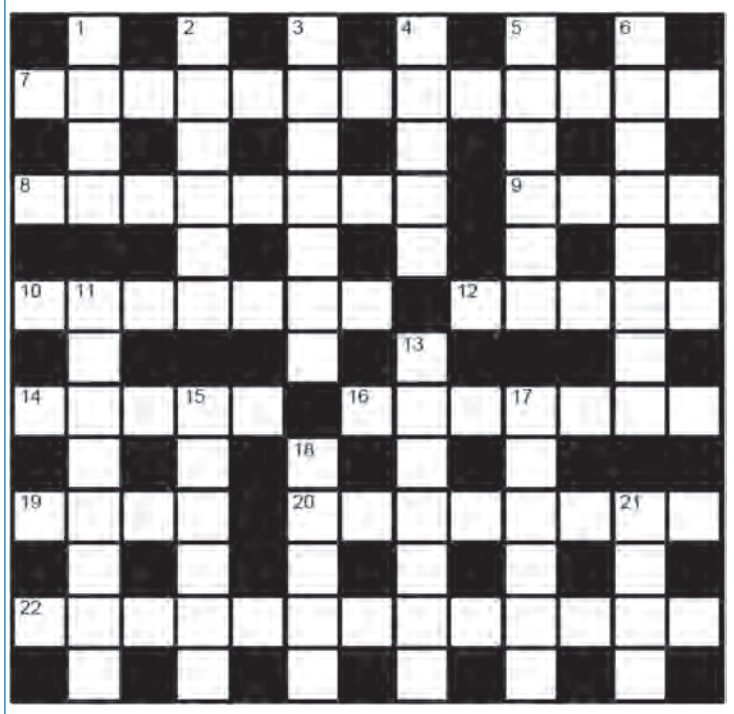

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Across: 7 Pariah. 8 Crayon. 9 Dine. 10 Spillway. 11 Ignoble. 13 Lilac. 15 Tatty. 17 Tragedy. 20 Almighty. 21 Tern. 22 Typhus. 23 Ripple.
Down: 1 Daring. 2 Rise. 3 Ghastly. 4 Acrid. 5 Vaulting. 6 Sonata. 12 Outright. 14 Gruyere. 16 Allays. 18 Darkly. 19 Phase. 21 Type.

ACROSS

7 Unobtrusive (13)
8 Centre of attraction (8)
9 More formal term for on (4)
10 Measure used to indicate the size or carrying capacity of a ship (7)
12 Burly, powerful (5)
14 To bring together (5)
16 Unchanging in character or form (7)
19 Prayer leader in a mosque (4)
20 Waste, debris (8)
22 Without justification (13)

DOWN

1 Covetousness (4)
2 Protective silky case spun by insect larvae (6)
3 Relieve, soothe (7)
4 Compare (5)
5 Stitch or row of stitches holding together the edges of a wound (6)
6 Channel Tunnel rail service (8)
11 Trinket, decoration (8)
13 Forming a single or uniform entity (7)
15 Well known (6)
17 Day of the week (6)
18 Adjust, modify (5)
21 Citrus fruit hybrid of tangerine, grapefruit, and orange (4)

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New store set to join the Gingerbread Trail

Brian Stoddart, of G & E Murgatroyd, cuts the ribbon to open the new store

A GROUP of junior rugby players unveiled a life–size gingerbread man statue to mark the opening of a new convenience store in Ormskirk.

Visitors to the new–look SPAR on Southport Road were treated to free original recipe Ormskirk gingerbread and freshly–ground coffee during the launch event.

The 3,000sqft store has undergone a complete transformation as part of a re–brand by Lancashire–based retailers G & E Murgatroyd.

Junior members from Ormskirk Rugby Club joined representatives from the Ormskirk Community Partnership for the official opening ceremony.

They also helped to launch a competition to decorate the town's second gingerbread statue, which will form part of the Ormskirk Gingerbread Trail.

Nicola Tilley, area manager for G & E Murgatroyd, said: "This is the second of our new–look SPAR stores to open and I'm sure our customers will be thrilled with the end result.

"We are committed to supporting local producers and many of the goods we sell in store are either made or grown in Lancashire."

A competition is now underway to decorate the gingerbread model, which was produced by artist Kevan Wiggins, the man behind the Superlambanana project in Liverpool.

Anyone wishing to enter can collect an entry form from the store. Closing date for entries is Friday, April 24.

A panel of judges will then select the winning design, which will be applied to the gingerbread statue and form part of the Gingerbread Trail.

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Club serves up a welcome

PROSPECTIVE new members are invited to Town Green Tennis Club's next club night on Tuesday, April 14.

The club, which is based at the Parish Courts on Winifred Lane in Aughton, has waived its joining fee for April and May.

Chairman, Julian Falk, said: "The summer season will start at Tuesday, April 14 with a club night at 7pm followed by a social and buffet. This is open for both current members and prospective new members. Families interested in joining are also very welcome.

"The club was established in 1982 and is open to all ages and abilities. Social tennis is offered on Tuesday Club nights and competitive tennis is available with teams running in both the Liverpool and Southport leagues. The club also holds doubles competitions and is hoping to run a winter league.

"On Saturdays morning junior coaching by LTA–registered community coach Bill Dow is available for under–14s and the club also has a thriving U3A section that meets on Wednesday and Friday mornings."

For more information visit www.tgtc.net

A cheer from Aughton Brownies and Rainbows as they complete their World Thinking Day events Code1078459

Guides celebrate World Thinking Day

RAINBOWS, Brownies, Guides and leaders from Aughton celebrated World Thinking Day with sand art and lantern making.

Members of the Aughton Old Hall District gathered for the celebration which marks one of the most significant dates in the guiding calendar.

World Thinking Day is an opportunity for the estimated 10 million Guides and Girl Scouts in 146 countries around the world to think about the diversity of the worldwide membership and show appreciation for each other's lives.

The activities were planned and organised by Claire Walls, a Brownie Guider with the 5th Aughton (St Michael's) Brownies.

District commissioner Joan Stemp said: "Thanks to Claire's hard work the afternoon was enjoyed by all. Thanks too, to all the Guiders and helpers who came on the day."

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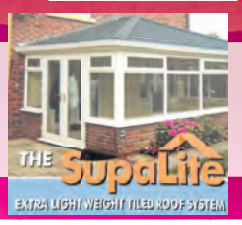

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Chance to nominate unsung heroes for 'alternative Honours List'

WEST Lancashire residents are being urged to put forward friends, colleagues or family members for a new national award for 'unsung heroes'.

The British Citizen Awards (BCA), launched in January this year, recognise individuals who work tirelessly and selflessly to make a positive impact upon society.

The first presentation ceremony saw 28 people honoured at an event hosted by Baroness Cox at the Palace of Westminster.

Now the second wave of nominations are being accepted until the end of this month for the next round of medal presentations which will take place on Thursday, July 9.

All BCA recipients receive a Medal of Honour, inscribed with the words For the Good of the Country, and medallists are also invited to use the initials BCA after their name.

Like the Queen's Honours List, BCAs are awarded twice annually but recognise 'everyday' people whose achievements may otherwise be overlooked.

Mike Faulkner, co–founder of the awards, said: "There are literally thousands of people across the UK making life better for others and until now with no formal recognition open to them. This programme, which many see as an alternative Honours System, enables every individual across the country to nominate someone who they feel deserves to be recognised."

Nominations can be submitted until Thursday, April 30 by email at nominations@britishcitizenawards.co.uk.

Young bookworms hit the gold trail

FOUR young bookworms at Burscough library have completed the Lancashire Reading Trail.

Seven year–old Ciara Patton, brothers Joseph, 9, and Ben Whitehead, 6, and six–year–old Jack Lea, each read and wrote a review for 50 books.

They received a Lancashire Reading Trail Gold award certificate and a free book each.

Carol Young, branch manager at the library in Mill Lane, said: "They have all worked really hard to complete the reading challenge, well done to all of them.

"If any other children are interested in taking up the challenge just go to your local library and ask for details."

Ciara Patton with her award certificate and free book

Ben and Joseph Whitehead with their award certificates and free books

Jack Lea with his award certificate and free book

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County skills programme provides staff training boost for local company

By **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a specialist diving company in West Lancashire have benefited from advanced training, thanks to a skills programme jointly promoted by Lancashire County Council and funded by the European Social Fund.

Five workers at Northern Diver, a manufacturer and supplier of specialist diving goods based in Appley Bridge, were able to access management training as part of the £5.6m Lancashire Skills Support for the Workforce (LSS) programme launched in September last year to fund accredited workplace courses and training for businesses and their employees.

LSS has been brought together by the county council and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership is and overseen by the Skills Funding Agency.

The programme allowed Northern Diver to invest in up–skilling its workforce through a level 4 introductory diploma in management qualification delivered by the Runshaw Business Centre in Chorley.

One of those to benefit from the training is logistics manager Julia Whittaker, who runs a team of seven at Northern Diver in the warehouse and dispatch departments.

She said: "The qualification has added to my existing people management skills. I've learned how to understand the cultures within companies and introduce change. I find myself using the learning techniques on a daily basis and I feel that productivity and the team ethos has improved on the back of it. I am very interested in progressing and completing the level 5 course."

The team from Northern Diver **Code NA**

And general manager, Ian McLeod who is responsible for the training and development of all staff, added: "Developing leaders through external training is key in the success of the business. As we expand and continue to grow within an international market, we must ensure they quality of work and capability of staff at all levels.

"The Lancashire Skills Support funding has allowed us to assign more people on to the course than we had originally budgeted for, which we are grateful for as it allows more of our leaders to develop, better equipping us for our ongoing expansion."

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Grant funding available for community groups

IF you've got a community project that needs a helping hand, a not–for–profit organisation wants to hear from you.

Proffitts – Investing in Communities has received funding from Lancashire County Council's Central Gateway grants scheme and is now looking to work with community groups throughout the county until the summer of 2016.

They want groups to contact them with their project proposals.

The grant can be used to enable groups to move forward with their project, whether it be to provide a design, assist with consultation and events, fundraising for a project, help obtain planning consent or negotiate with partners.

They can assist with a range of projects including play areas, parks and gardens, youth and community engagement, and community centre improvements.

Martin Proffitt from Proffitts said: "We are grateful to have received a grant from Central Gateway and look forward to meeting new groups and developing new projects throughout the county."

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Show to celebrate 21 years on stage

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HELEN Forrester's production of Twopence To Cross The Mersey is set to open at Southport Theatre this Thursday (April 9). It's a very special occasion for the popular stage show as its arrival in the resort will also mark its 21st birthday.

In its earlier format, the musical version of the show had four hugely successful runs at Liverpool's Empire Theatre, in 1994 and then returning in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2009.

To celebrate the milestone, The Champion has secured an exclusive 2–for–1 ticket offer to attend the opening night of the Southport production.

Twopence to Cross the Mersey tells the true story of a young girl and her formerly wealthy family as they are suddenly thrown into poverty during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Leaving behind the nannies, servants and comfortable middle–class life in the South West of England, they uproot their shattered lives and choose Liverpool as the place to start again to rebuild their dreams and fortune. Unbeknown to them however, a terrible shock awaits them.

Rob Fennah (writer ofTwopence To Cross The Mersey), Eithne Browne (who appeared in the very first Twopence) and producer of the new stage play version Bill Elms

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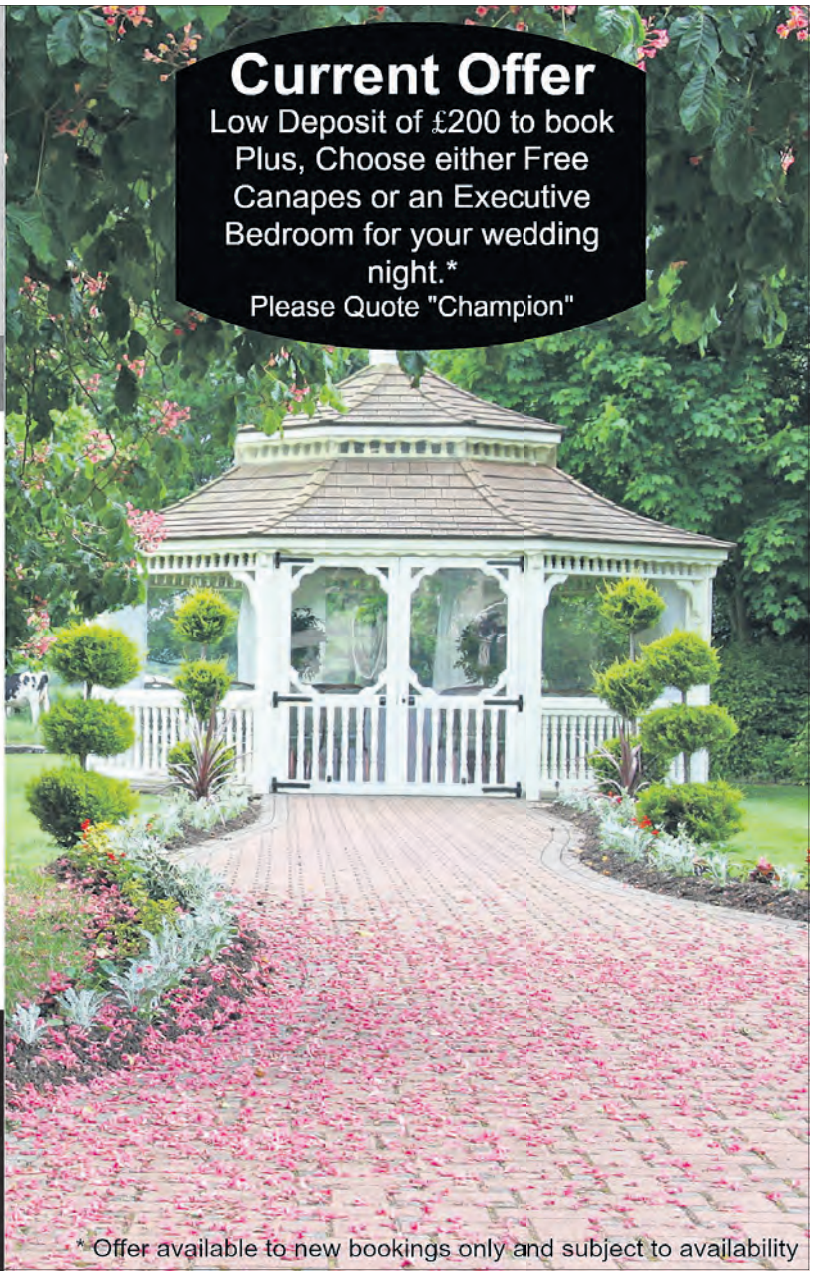
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Guitar duo returning to village

GUITAR duo the Katona Twins are to appear at Parbold Village Hall on Saturday, April 18 at 7.45 pm in Douglas Music's Live Music at the Weekend concerts.

Their evening concert entitled From Madrid to London includes the great Spanish classical and flamenco tradition and popular themes by Tears For Fears and Queen, in Peter and Zoltan's own arrangements.

They recently entertained an audience of primary school children at one of Douglas Music's 'Pied Piper' concerts.

Originally from Hungary, the brothers, Peter and Zoltán, now reside on Merseyside and frequently perform on stage, television, radio and in major concert venues across the world.

They performed live to half a million people in Europe in the 2009 Proms.

The brothers, at Parbold Village Hall, surrounded by an audience seated at their feet, took the 250 children on an magical tour of the world of the guitar.

The internationally famous guitar duo, The Katona Twins, at Parbold Village Hall/community centre Code NA

Club to present Yes Prime Minister

Preview by **Ron Ellis**

PERFECTLY timed as the General Election approaches, this 2012 play version of the legendary television comedy classic sees the Prime Minister, Jim Hacker (Simon Armstrong) presiding over a fragile coalition during the worst economic crisis since the 1930's.

An oil pipeline deal with Kumranistan would entitle the Government to a share of a 10 trillion dollar European loan but when the Kumranistan Foreign Secretary makes a shocking request, moral considerations collide with the nation's economic future.

Hacker, along with Sir Humphrey (Les Gomersall), Bernard (Peter Forshaw) and Special Advisor Clair Sutton (Debbie Bloom) tackle these problems with hilarious results.

Yes Prime Minister is directed by Robin Hirsch with the assistance of Steve Pritchard.

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Take a trip down the yellow brick road with SONG

Preview by **Ron Ellis**

SONG, an award winning Youth Theatre group based in Southport has been busy rehearsing for The Wiz, a musical adventure of drama, song and dance.

It tells the story of Dorothy's experience in the Land of Oz with her friends, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion. It is retold in a high energy fusion of rock, gospel and vibrant dance that will keep audiences entertained throughout and is an adaptation of the classic book The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum.

This year the musical celebrates its 40th anniversary since its first Broadway production and the musical swept that year's Tony Awards, garnering prizes for Best Score and Best Musical, among others.

Rehearsals began back in September and the talented cast and enthusiastic production team, director Sian Ross Woolley, musical directors Sarah Nicholson and assistant musical director Paul Williams, and choreographer Jenny Birch have been working hard each week perfecting a high quality spectacle to wow audiences with large chorus numbers, complex dance routines and songs with intricate harmonies.

Their members range from age nine to 18 and this year they have welcomed some new member as well as previous members who successfully auditioned for this show.

Matt aged 15 has been a member of SONG since he was nine and said:" I have made amazing friends since being a member, learnt new skills and have developed my confidence. SONG is like a second family."

Zena aged 10 is looking forward to her second show and said: "It's fun and I've gained confidence. I love show week. It's exciting performing with a live audience."

James aged 16 became a member of SONG for the first time this year. He told us: "I've performed with other companies but this is my first show with SONG. I saw an article in the paper about The Wiz and decided to audition. I've made new friends and have had plenty of laughs. I can't wait for the show." Past members of SONG have returned to support the company in all aspects of the production.

Layla Carlin Code NA

The cast are now excitedly trying on costumes thanks to the group's wardrobe mistress Karen Fairclough, who has been extremely busy for months behind scenes aiming to make each character look fantastic.

The show's Dorothy will be Layla Carlin.

The company encourages the audience to fully participate in the show and are invited to come in costume choosing their favourite character from the show!

The show runs at The Atkinson, Lord Street, Southport from Thursday 9 – Saturday, April 11.

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Atkinson hosting Scottish musician

THE Atkinson is to host Scottish musician, singer and songwriter James Grant, who is to make his first appearance at the venue this Saturday (April 11).

He first came to international attention with his band Love and Money where he wrote four classic albums, including Strange Kind of Love.

Recording in New York, he worked with producers such as Gary Katz of Steely Dan and Tom Dowd (who produced Rod Stewart, Eric Clapton and Aretha Franklin).

The Ivy League to come to town

The ever–popular Sixties hit recorders, The Ivy League, of Tossing and Turning and Funny How Love Can Be fame, will be appearing at the Fleetwood Hesketh Club's Star Night this Friday (April 10).

The group is one of the most popular outfits still touring and have a hectic schedule, travelling throughout the U. K. performing for their countless fans, their appearances guaranteed to fill the venues.

The Star Nights at the Fleetwood Hesketh are now well established aiming to offer the audience a great night's entertainment at reasonable cost.

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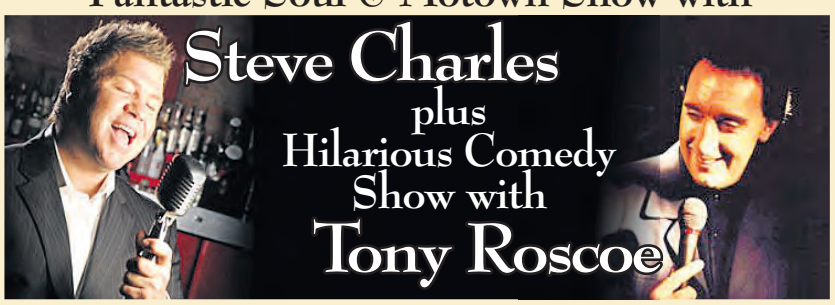

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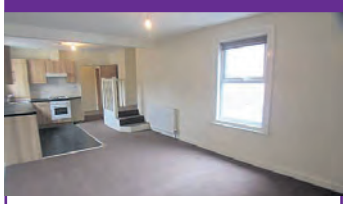
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DEATHS

Ball Jennie

Passed away peacefully on 28th March 2015 at Lyndale Care Home, aged 87 years

Much loved wife of the late Jimmy, sister of John (deceased), devoted Auntie, Great Auntie and Great Great Auntie. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Good night and God bless. Funeral service and committal to take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 13th April at 11.20am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries and donations to H. Johnson & Sons, 1A Ralph Wifes Lane, Banks PR9 8ER. 01704 227067.

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DEATHS

HOWARD PHILLIP

March 27th 2015

Aged 56 Years. Suddenly at home.

Phillip will be sadly missed by all his family. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 9th April at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for R.S.P.C.A (Southport Branch). Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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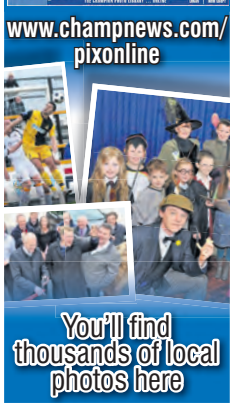

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DEATHS

Butler Brenda

30th March 2015

Peacefully in hospital aged 74 years.

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DEATHS

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April 1st 2015

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Application No: 2015/0334/FUL Erection of a new agricultural steel portal frame building for the purposes of both loose and boxed potato storage together with associated hardstanding at East Crantum Farm, New Cut Lane, Halsall.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0295/FUL* Single storey rear extension with link to existing garage. New pitched roof over garage and loft conversion forming two additional bedrooms at 210 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton.

Application No: 2015/0311/FUL* Replacement windows at 42 Granville Park, Aughton.

Application No: 2015/0316/FUL* Ground and first floor side and rear extensions at 259 Liverpool Road, Rufford.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

* Householder Applications

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 8th April 2015
Assistant Director Planning — PDNOT836

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL 1139104

THE WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) AND (REVOCATION) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Lancashire Borough Council ("the Council") proposes to make the above-named Order in exercise of its powers under Sections 32 and 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) ("the 1984 Act"), Regulation 21 and Part IV of Schedule 4 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996 and Part VI of the Traffic Management Act 2004 ("the 2004 Act") and all Regulations made in exercise of the 2004 Act. This Order will supercede the West Lancashire Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) and (Revocation) Order 2011 and the West Lancashire Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places)(Amendment) Order 2014. The effect of the Order will be to:

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A copy of the draft Order, plans of the areas affected and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be inspected between the hours of 9.00 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday at the Council Officers, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

Any objection or other representations relating to the proposals to make the Order, together with the grounds on which they are made, should be sent in writing to the Director of People & Places at the address given below, and must be made no later than 4pm on 30th April 2015

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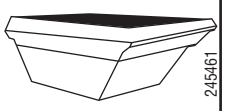

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Nissan's Gym is an April Fool but concept is genius

All jokes aside, car manufacturers need to put an end to the lazy drivers we've become

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NISSAN has fired the opening salvo in an unlikely battle for the motor industry. The X–Trail and Qashqai have declared war on your waistline!

The manufacturer has effectively started an automotive battle of the bulge by developing an ingenious system which – and I know it's all about the averages – burns off 1,415 calories on a typical commute. All by pressing a button on the dashboard marked 'Gym' – brilliant!

On the one hand, you've got to applaud Nissan for recognising the nation's motorists are an increasingly bloated bunch and that something had to be done, presumably before the entire road network started to groan beneath their collective weight and slowly sink further into the ground.

Sadly, the ingenious fix isn't actually that ingenious at all, because all it does is take all the driver aids you've paid through the nose for – and then switches them off altogether.

Oh, that and the fact it is an April Fools – with thousands of motoring aficionados falling for the joke. Nissan won't be providing you with a personal trainer or making you shop at Sports Direct rather than Halfords. Sadly you're just going to have to put up with all the gadgets and assistance gizmos they will throw at you to make the driving experience easier. Too easy in my opinion.

As someone who grew up driving Minis and still regularly drives a 43–year–old MGB, I look at all of Nissan's driver assistance gizmos and conclude they – ironically – do little other than add weight.

Yes, the car of 2015 is unbelievably easy to drive, but are the gadgets actually being counter–productive for our waistlines?

The new Ford Galaxy, for instance, can be ordered with a device that does your parallel parking for you. Why? Anyone on a British road should have mastered the manoeuvre by now, so I can only assume anyone who uses it is too fat and lazy to do it themselves.

It's the same with power steering. Parking a MG or a Morris Minor that's a bit heavy at 3mph is not the workout you might expect – it's the entirely normal driving that your granddad would have just got on with, rather than moaning about how difficult it is. Safety devices like ABS are worth every penny, but things like power steering or parking assist are just encouraging us to take the easy option.

All joking aside, Nissan, and indeed, every car maker, should be selling us cars light and efficient enough not to need them in the first place.

The Lotus Elise – the antithesis of everything the mythical Gym button stands for – doesn't have any of these devices and it's all the better for it. Really, it should be prescribed through the NHS to anyone struggling with obesity. It's the healthiest new car you can buy today!

David is the news editor of Classic Car Weekly

All new Ford Galaxy model on sale soon

AN ALL–NEW version of Ford's biggest people carrier will arrive at a showroom near you later this year.

The third generation Galaxy is designed to take seven adults in comfort, with its party trick being that the all five seats in the middle and rear rows can fold flat into the floor at the touch of a single button.

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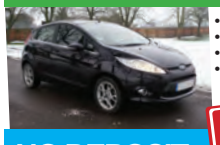

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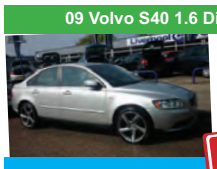

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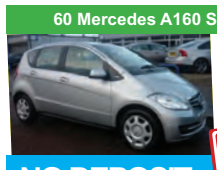

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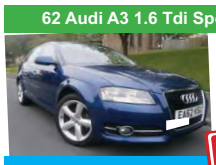

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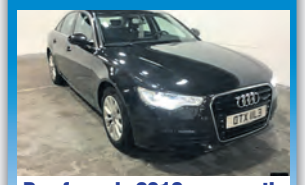

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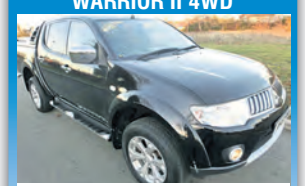

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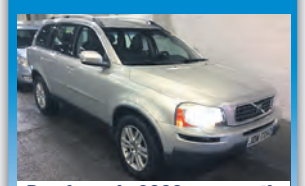

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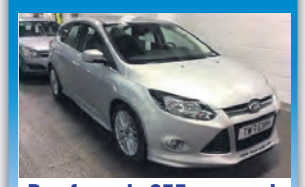

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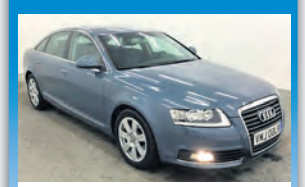

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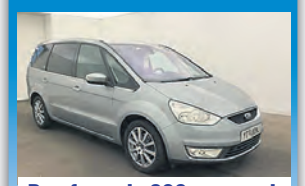

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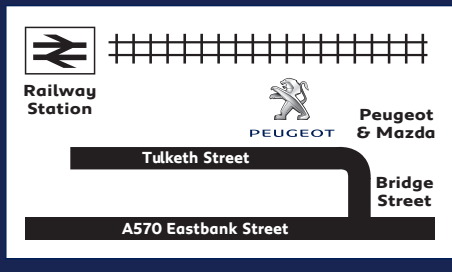

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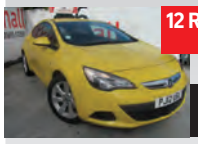

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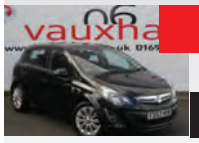

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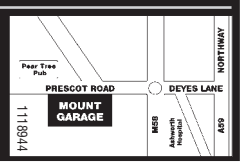

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Linnets bounce back to hold promotion chasers

Burscough celebrate their equaliser. Pictures by Debbie Manifold.

Burscough 1
Bamber Bridge 1

FOLLOWING Saturday's disappointing 4–0 defeat away to Harrogate Railway Athletic, Burscough were looking to bounce back in their second match of the holiday weekend when they welcomed promotion chasing Bamber Bridge on Easter Monday.

Things started badly for the Linnets, though, as they found themselves trailing thanks to an early goal by Darren Green for Bamber Bridge in the 12th minute.

As half time approached it seemed likely that the visitors would maintain their advantage going into the break but Burscough levelled in the 40th minute with a good finish from their player/manager Mark Beesley.

The second half got off to a slow start but on 70 minutes the hosts created two good chances in quick succession through Paul Jewell and goalscorer Beesley but neither were able to convert.

From there on it was the visitors that created the majority of the opportunities but they were unable to find a way past the stubborn Burscough defence and the match eventually ended in a 1–1 draw.

While Burscough will be encouraged by a resilient performance against a much higher placed opponent, Bamber Bridge will feel disappointed to leave Victoria Park with a single point that still leaves them needing two more victories to guarantee a play off place.

Burscough challenge for the ball by the touchline at Bamber Bridge.

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Skelmersdale fightback thwarted at Rushall

Skelmersdale United 1
Rushall Olympic 2

AFTER struggling to get going for the opening half–hour Skelmersdale United fought back well on Saturday and in the end were more than a little unlucky not to have reaped a point if not all three against their opponents from the West Midlands, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow*.

Skelmersdale found themselves 2–0 down inside 26 minutes as they didn't deal with the threat posed by Rushall striker Aaron Williams, who is a man on a mission. Vying at the top of the Evo–Stik Premier Division goalscoring charts with Buxton's Liam Hardy, the two goals he left Stormy Corner with certainly helped his cause.

Williams struck his first in the ninth minute, storming through a gap on the left side of the home defence before driving the ball low into the far corner.

The forward's second had more than an element of fortune about it as he got the merest of touches to a cross from Jake Heath in the 26th minute, to divert the ball home.

From that point onwards Skelmersdale were the better team.

Ben Tollitt put in a 25–yard shot on 34 minutes but saw it curl just wide of the Rushall goal.

He was then thwarted by Rushall's Ryan Price who had an inspired afternoon, the former Telford keeper diving low to his left to keep out Tollitt's side–footed attempt after a fine overlap by Valtar Fernandes put the ball to his feet.

In the five minutes before the interval Skelmersdale had three viable moves.

Batiste Cande fired wide, then Rob McIntosh had a goalbound shot blocked, before a Shaun Holden cross agonisingly failed to get a touch with the Rushall goal gaping.

In the 50th minute Dan Mitchley was unlucky, his shot hit the foot of the post, then just to confound matters the rebound fell perfectly for a Rushall defender as a host of Skelmersdale players were poised to strike.

Rushall had a brief period on the attack, first Carl Palmer wildly slashed the ball over the Skelmersdale bar after he had created the opening himself, then Williams wasted a hat–trick chance by firing into the side–netting on 62 minutes.

After that it was all Skelmersdale. Tollitt went close again on 69 minutes then on 73 minutes Mitchley was pulled back by Mick Townsend.

The resulting free–kick wasn't cleared and eventually the ball fell to McIntosh, who showed his forwards just how to finish and at the same time won the 50005 Taxis Man of the Match award.

Rushall were now falling back in numbers and when they did counter the run was not at goal, but annoyingly a series of moves to the corner flags, where they did their best to keep the ball for as long as possible.

Skelmersdale supporters thought they had grabbed a point in the 82nd minute.

Fernandes had a shot palmed aside by Price and the ball ran diagonally to Tony Rendell, who blasted it back into the roof of the net, only to turn and see the flag raised for offside.

It was unclear from the stand as to whether it was, but many home supporters disagreed.

The final move saw Tollitt cut in from the right, but his left–foot shot went just wide.

With a bit of luck in front of goal Skelmersdale would have won the game, but if you concede two early goals you make it very difficult for yourselves and very easy for your opponents to defend for the rest of the game.

Mariners make it a miserable Easter for Skem

Marine 1
Skelmersdale 0

AS 1–0 wins go this was pretty comfortable for Marine, with Skelmersdale restricted to very few sights of goal by a tremendously committed and passionate display from the resurgent Mariners.

Ben Tollitt fired in a 25 yard effort for the visitors which Matt Cooper couldn't hold in the home goal, but former Marine striker Danny Mitchley was flagged offside as he tried to turn the ball home.

That was as close as the Blues came in the first half, Lloyd Ellams also going close for the Whites with a header off target from James Short's left wing cross.

Alan Burton went close for Skem early in the second half when his run and looping shot dropped just wide of the far post.

But the Mariners continued to have the better of proceedings, Karl Clair's low shot going wide and then Menagh's cut in finding the midriff of James.

The Mariners looked likely to grab a second and they came very close to doing so at the death when Andy Owens nicked the ball off a defender but seeing his shot again saved by James, the rebound looped up for Karl Clairto head towards goal, with a covering defender on the line denying him a goal.

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